

Section 1

EPA Site ID

LAD981155872

NPL Proposed/listing dates

Proposed: 3/8/2004

Site Name

Devil's Swamp Lake

Street Address

Sec 44 and 45, T5S R1W

City(ies)

Scotlandville

County(ies)

East Baton Rouge Parish

STATE(s)

LA

Congressional District(s)

06

Zip code(s)

70813

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Site Headline

Industrial facilities have discharged to the swamp since the 1960's and the 1970's

Section 2

Current Site Status (complete for deleted, minimally active, smaller sites)

Detailed Site Status/Upcoming Work and Next Steps (complete for larger, active sites)

Phase two or Tier 2 Investigation

PRPs prepared a work plan for the second phase of the investigation, also known as Tier 2. This work plan included the collection of biological tissue samples that will help the State address the status of the fish consumption advisory and the collection of additional samples from South Bayou Baton Rouge. The final document was completed on June 25 2012. Field activities were started and completed in July 2012, at that time sediment and fish tissue samples were collected. The laboratory results of those samples were presented to the regulatory agencies in the Analytical Data Assessment and Validation Report dated December 14, 2012.

During the July 2012 field activities, the PRPs placed traps in the swamp and lake, but it was late in the season and they were unable to catch any crawfish. Therefore, the decision was made to monitor the swamp for the start of the next season, so as to complete this part of the required work plan sampling during the next season, estimated to begin in the spring of 2013.

Currently the PRPs are monitoring water levels, water temperatures and checking for the appearance of abundant crawfish as these signals the start of the crawfish season. This tends to happen in spring, around late February, March or April, depending on how much rain the swamp had in fall and winter.

With higher water levels and warmer weather, sampling activities to catch crawfish are planned for the month the May 2013.

Potential Risks and Exposure Pathway(s)

List of Site Contaminants (List only final CoCs)

Links to Contaminant information

How is EPA addressing the risks/cleaning up the site?

How can the Public stay safe and get involved?

Public Meetings/Opportunities/Comment Periods

Past Meetings Information

Section 3

Site History

Devil's Swamp is located near Scotlandville, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, about ten miles north of the City of Baton Rouge. Devil's Swamp is a wetland, flood plain and lake covering approximately 12 square miles of land along the Mississippi River. The swamp to the north of the lake is characterized by numerous small open ponds and water tupelo trees. Industrial facilities have discharged to the swamp since the 1960's and the 1970's.

Sampling conducted by the State and the EPA show concentrations of PCBs congeners as the contaminant of concern. Congeners are well-defined chemical compounds in the PCB category.

Major residential areas include Scotlandville, and residential communities along Highway 61, Scenic Highway, east of Devil's Swamp. Approximately 1598 people live within two miles.

The site was proposed to the NPL list in the Federal Register on March 8, 2004. The EPA completed evaluation and negotiations with some Potential Responsible Parties (PRPs) and issued an Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to PRPs to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) on December 3, 2009.

There is no Record of Decision (ROD) signed yet.

Site Map

Y

Interactive Site Map – Y/N

N

Environmental Information – sampling work, data collected, why

Site Data to Highlight – Y/N

Non-AR Technical Documents? Y/N, keywords

AR on the Web

Section 4

Newsroom link (site-specific, default to regional newsroom)

News Releases from Region 6

(<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/Press%20Releases%20From%20Region%206%21OpenView>)

Social Media Y/N

N

Announcements

Have Banner and Site Photos with captions and alt text? (2-30 site photos needed with captions describing what they are pictures of)

Y

Video(s)/Podcasts Y/N

N

Links to external/partner resources

Web revision contact (Ed Board or regional workgroup member responsible for the site
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